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STATE OPS CENTER FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO DAVID GOMPERT
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
WHITE HOUSE FOR JANKA

NATO MEETING -- IV (TAKE TWO OF TWO)

WEST BERLIN: INDEPENDENT /TAGESSPIEGEL/ SAID THE NATO MEETING IS
CONFRONTED WITH TWO UNGRATIFYING FACTS: "DESPITE ALL PROGRESS
TOWARD DETENTE IN THE POLITICAL AREA, THE EAST BLOC HAS INCREASED
ITS ARMAMENT AND THE NATO COUNTRIES WHICH WANT TO KEEP PACE WITH
THIS TEMPO ARE HAMPERED BY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND INFLATION...
IN THIS DILEMMA ATTENTION NECESSARILY FOCUSES ON THE LONG NEGLECTED
RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF THE ARMS SYSTEMS, THE
DIVERSITY OF WHICH IN THE NATO AREA EVIDENCES NATIONAL SELFISHNESS
RATHER THAN THE WESTERN PARTNERS WILL FOR DEFENSE... DEFENSE
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS QUITE RIGHTLY WARNED AGAINST DESTROYING
THE CAREFULLY BALANCED EQUILIBRIUM OF THE THREE PILLARS OF NATO
DEFENSE...IN EFFECT, SOLO ACTIONS WOULD ALSO SPOIL THE BEGINNINGS
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OF ARMS LIMITATION ACCORDS WITH THE EAST BLOC."

ROME: INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE CORRIERE DELLA SERA SAID THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS MEETING TO "CONCENTRATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SUCCESS OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS AT VLADIVOSTOK. BUT KISSINGER'S MISSION WITH GREEKS AND TURKS HAS DIVERTED THE COUNCIL'S INTEREST TOWARD DIPLOMATIC ACTION TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED NATO SOUTHERN FLANK."

INDEPENDENT CENTER-LEFT "IL GIORNALE/ IN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADED "DO NOT CHEAT WITH MISSILES," AND "ONLY A BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST CAN GIVE EUROPE A BEARABLE FUTURE IN ITS RELATIONS AND ITS EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIET COLLOSUS ... THE LETHAL LACK OF BALANCE IN FORCES OF THE TWO MILITARY GROUPS CAN BE REPAIRED ONLY IF EUROPE DECIDES TO CONSIDER DEFENSE AS USEFUL AS OIL FOR ITS SURVIVAL."

BRUSSELS: CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC /LA LIBRE BELGIQUE/ DISCUSSED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TALKS ON CYPRUS: "WHATEVER JUDGEMENT CAN BE MADE ON THE ROLE OF THE U.S. IN THIS PAINFUL AFFAIR ONE MUST ADMIT THAT THE CYPRUS CRISIS LAST JULY SPECTACULARLY DEMONSTRATED THE INABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE TO SOLVE A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO OF ITS MEMBERS. MOREOVER, IT IS AMERICA'S PASSIVE POSTURE THAT PROMPTED GREECE TO WITHDRAW OFFICIALLY FROM THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMAND, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IN THIS RESPECT REMAINS AMBIGUOUS."

INDEPENDENT /LE SOUR/ COMMENTED ON THE NATO TRIAD: "OUR FAMOUS TRIAD IS ONLY MEANINGFUL IF ITS THREE PARTS ARE IN EQUILIBRIUM. ALONG THESE LINES WEDNESDAY MR. KISSINGER.... AND MR.SCHLESINGER... INVITED THEIR PARTNERS TO REINFORCE THEIR MILITARY POTENTIAL IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN 300,000 TROOPS IN EUROPE. FUTURE HISTORIANS WILL HAVE TO PONDER THE MILITARY PARADOX OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY: WHILE THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ARE TRYING TO CURTAIL THEIR DESTRUCTION CAPABILITIES ALREADY SUFFICIENT TO DESTROY EVERY INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANET 40 TIMES OVER, THEIR ALLIES, MORE MODEST, ARE FORCED TO INCREASE THEIR ARMAMENT IN THE HOPE OF REMAINING PART OF A POSSIBLE CONFLICT."

HELSINKI: LEADING /HELSINGIN SANOMAT/ EDITORIALIZED THAT THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE "WAS BASED UNTIL RECENT YEARS ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT THE GREAT AMOUNT OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN ITS TERRITORY AND THEIR DEPLOYMENT AND THE U.S. STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY WERE BOTH A SINGLE ENTITY AND A SUFFICIENT GUARANTEE... GRADUALLY, ONE HAS, HOWEVER, TO ADMIT THAT IT GUARANTEES PRIMARILY AND SEPARATELY THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE CONSOLATION IS... A UNCLASSIFIED

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THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY THAT A NUCLEAR WAR IN THE OLD CONTINENT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ITS TOTAL DESTRUCTION. AND ALTHOUGH THE CHANGES DO NOT ALTER THE REGIONAL BALANCE IN EUROPE MUCH, THE DIFFICULT TASK OF THE NATO MEETING IS TO FIND A WAY TO TELL OR COVER UP THE FACT THAT THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE IS EVEN MORE DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS MORE CLEARLY THAN BEFORE ON ANOTHER CONTINENT."

REYKJAVIK: THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS HAVE RECEIVED

UNUSUAL NEWS REPORTAGE IN ICELANDIC DAILIES, PARTICULARLY /MORGUNBLADID/, LARGEST MORNING PAPER, AND /VISIR/, THE SINGLE AFTERNOON PAPER. BASED ON WIRE SERVICES, STORIES HAVE EMPHASIZED NATO VIEWS THAT REDUCED DEFENSES WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND THAT INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING IS REQUIRED.

COPENHAGEN: INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE /BERLINGSKE TIDENDE/ REPORTED FEAR THAT THE U.S. STOPPING WEAPONS SUPPLIES WILL CHASE TURKEY OUT OF NATO AND SCHLESINGER'S WARNING TO NATO COUNTRIES AGAINST CUTS IN THEIR DEFENSE BUDGETS. INDEPENDENT RADICAL /POLITIKEN/ REPORTED ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS'S EFFECT "MARKING" THE NATO MEETING. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC /AKTUEL/ SAID NATO "LOOKS AT HOLES IN U.S. NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" AND HENRY KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO INFORM EUROPEAN ALLIES THURSDAY THAT INFLATION IS EATING AWAY DEFENSE BUDGETS AND THAT MORE MONEY MUST BE APPROPRIATED FOR SECURITY OF THE WORLD.

TOKYO: THE JAPANESE PRESS GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS ON DR. KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH THE TURKISH AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTERS WEDNESDAY. INDEPENDENT LIBERAL /ASAHI'S/ BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT REPORTED THAT "THERE WAS NO PROGRESS MADE IN TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBOW, WHO HOLDS THE KEY TO THE ISSUE." THE PAPER QUOTED OBSERVERS AS SAYING "WITH PRESSURES COMING FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAGICAL POWER HAS WANED." (END TAKE TWO)
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